

and will not limit such housing or services or give preference to persons on the basis of religion;

(3) It will provide no religious instruction or counseling, conduct no religious worship or services, engage in no religious proselytizing, and exert no other religious influence in the provision of housing and supportive services.

§ 17.708 Notice of fund availability (NOFA).

When funds are made available for assistance, VA will publish a notice of fund availability in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The notice will:

(a) Give the location for obtaining application packages, which will provide specific application requirements and guidance;

(b) Specify the date, time, and place for submitting completed applications; and

(c) State the amount and status of funding available under the notice.

§ 17.709 Grant award process.

General. The grant award process for assistance under this part consists of the following:

(1) Reviewing applications for eligibility for assistance;

(2) Rating applications (see § 17.711 of this part);

(3) Selecting applications conditionally (see § 17.712 of this part);

(4) Obtaining additional information and awarding grants (see § 17.713 of this part).

§ 17.710 Application requirements.

(a) *General.* Applications for grants must be submitted in the form prescribed by VA in the application package, must meet the requirements of this part, and must be submitted within the time period established by VA in the notice of fund availability under § 17.708 of this part. The application packet includes exhibits to be prepared and submitted as part of the application process, including:

(1) Justification for the project by addressing items listed in § 17.711(c) of this part;

(2) Site description, design, and cost estimates (VA Forms 10-0362G, 10-0362H);

(3) Documentation on eligibility to receive assistance under this part (VA Form 10-0362J);

(4) Documentation on matching funds committed to the projects (VA Forms 10-0362N, 10-0362M);

(5) Documentation on operating budget and cost sharing (VA Form 10-0362P);

(6) Documentation on supportive services committed to the project (VA Form 10-0362o);

(7) Documentation on site control and appropriate zoning, and on the boundaries of the area or community proposed to be served (VA Form 10-0362Q);

(8) Applicants who are States must submit any comments or recommendations by appropriate State (and areawide) clearinghouses pursuant to E.O. 12372 (3 CFR, 1982 Comp., p. 197) (Standard Form SF 424); and

(9) Reasonable assurances with respect to receipt of assistance under this part that (VA Form 10-0362K):

(i) The project will be used principally to furnish to veterans the level of care for which such application is made; that not more than 25 percent of participants at any one time will be nonveterans; and that such services will meet standards prescribed by VA;

(ii) Title to such site or van will vest solely in the applicant;

(iii) Each recipient will keep those records and submit those reports as VA may reasonably require, within the time frames required; and give VA, upon demand, access to the records upon which such information is based; and

(iv) Adequate financial support will be available for the purchase of the van or completion of the project, and for its maintenance, repair and operation.

(b) *Pre-award expenditures.* Costs incurred for a project after the date VA notifies an applicant that the project is feasible for VA participation are allowable costs if the application is approved and the grant is awarded. These